THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal under Article 371 (2) of the Constitution for setting up Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra was sent by Government of Maharashtra in December 1993 and these Development Boards were accordingly set up from 1.5.1994 onwards. A proposal to amend Article 371(2) of the Constitution for establishment of a separate Konkan Development Board was received from the Government of Maharashtra in may 1998. Before taking a decision on this proposal the Planning Commission was requested in August 1998 to give its assessment of the effectiveness and working of the existing three development boards in Maharashtra. The Planning Commission submitted its detailed performance evaluation report in April 2003, and it was observed from this report and the data available in the Government of Maharashtra's Human Development Report 2002, that considerable development had already taken place in the Konkan region. In view of this the Government of Maharashtra was requested to reconsider its proposal. Government of Mahrashtra on 22.6.2005 reiterated its stand that a separate Development Board for Konkan is necessary. However, since the original Resolution of the State Legislature to this effect had been passed as long back as in 1989, Government of Mahrashtra was on 18.7.2005 requested to obtain afresh the views of both Houses of the State Legislature.

Illegal Bangladeshis in coastal areas of Orissa

796. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladeshis have infiltrated into the coastal areas of Mahakalpada of Kendrapara district and others in Orissa in a big way;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these illegal settlers have since been identified by the district administration; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Centre to help the State administration to deport these illegal settlers back to Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per the information received from Government of Orissa, notices had been issued to 1,551 alleged

Bangladeshi nationals residing in Kendrapara district of Orissa to leave India. The powers to detect and deport foreign nationals under Section 3(2)(c) of Foreigners Act, 1946 have been delegated to the State Governments and, therefore, the State Government can deport illegally staying foreign nationals under the delegated powers.

On receiving a number of representations alleging that these notices had been issued to Indian citizens by wrongly identifying them as Bangladeshi infiltrators, this Ministry directed the Government of Orissa to keep the deportation orders in abeyance and send a detailed report in this regard for consideration of the Ministry. The State Government, in their response, have stated that they are reverifying the claims of alleged Bangladeshi national as Indian nationals.

National Disaster Management Authority

797. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Disaster Management Authority has not so far been provided with staff, office furniture, stationery etc.;

(b) if so, when this nodal agency will be geared up finally to tackle the "after effects of earthquake", etc.; and

(c) how much financial allocation has been made for the NDMA and whether experts have been associated with the Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) 55 officers and staff have been sanctioned for the National Disaster Management Authority. The Authority has also been provided with furniture, equipments and stationery to meet their immediate requirement.

(b) The Government have taken several mitigation and preparedness initiatives to reduce the effects of earthquake. The National Disaster Management Authority has the responsibility to lay down plans and policies for disaster management including earthquakes.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 5.92 crore has been made for the National Disaster Management Authority during the current financial year. Two specialists in the field of policy planning, training and capacity building have already been provided to the Authority.